

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 7, 9 - 64, and 122 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 7, 9 - 64 were rejected. No action was taken on claim 122.

In light of the absence of any action on independent claim 122, the finality of the rejection in the last office action is premature. Thus, the Examiner is hereby requested to withdraw the finality of the rejection.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 15, 35, 42, 61, and 122 have been amended by the present response.

In the office action mailed June 1, 2005, claims 8, 15, 34, 35, and 42 - 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The rejection is defective in that claim 8 was cancelled. It has been assumed that the Examiner is referring to claim 1. Appropriate correction has been made to obviate the Examiner's concern about "adverse condition" and "potential bodily harm" being considered vague. Claim 15 has been amended to delete the phrase "under duress" which the Examiner considers to be vague. No reason has been given as to why claim 34 is indefinite. As for claim 35, the phrase "personal safety" has been deleted. No reason has been given as to why claims 42 - 60 and 62 - 64 are indefinite. As to claim 61, the phrase "the well being of" has been deleted. In light of the foregoing amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been withdrawn.

In said office action, claims 1 - 16, 23 - 25, and 35 - 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as lacking a technological

basis. As indicated during an interview held on October 7, 2005, this rejection has been removed. Thus, no response is required.

Further in said office action, claims 1 - 7, 9, 10 - 17, 21, 22, 35, 36, 42 - 45 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman et al. in view of Zingher et al.; claims 18 - 20, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman et al. in view of Zingher et al. and further in view of Franklin et al.; and claims 25 - 34, 37 - 41, 46 - 60, and 62 - 64 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman et al. in view of Zingher et al. and further in view of Rodgers et al.

The foregoing rejections have been traversed by the present response.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the following limitation: "said PIN number creating step further comprising selecting at least two digits for a security segment to be incorporated into said PIN number wherein an alarm signal is sent when said user enters said PIN number with at least one of said at least two digits used for said security segment".

Independent claim 42 has been amended to include the following limitation: "said PIN number creating means comprising means for selecting a plurality of digits to act as a first segment of said PIN number and for selecting at least one additional digit to act as a security segment incorporated into said PIN number so that use of said PIN number with said security segment by said user triggers an alarm activation mechanism in said system".

It is submitted that both of these limitations places claims 1 and 42 in condition for allowance. Neither Hoffman et al. nor Zingher et al. teaches or suggests incorporating, or embedding, a security feature of at least one or two digits into

the PIN number itself so that when the PIN number is used with the security segment an alarm is triggered. Zingher et al. teaches the concept of providing a mechanism for triggering an alarm system; however, the Zingher et al. mechanism is using a number other than the PIN number. In other words, Zingher et al. teaches or suggests doing something other than what is being claimed.

While not being rejected, claim 122 has been amended to be consistent with the aforementioned novel and unobvious feature of the present invention.

Claims 2 - 7, 9 - 41, and 43 - 64 are allowable for the same reasons as their respective parent claim(s) as well as on their own accord. The Franklin et al. and the Rodgers et al. references do not cure the aforementioned deficiencies of the Hoffman et al. and Zingher et al. references.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of conducting a personal interview with the undersigned attorney on October 7, 2005. During the interview, a claim similar to amended claim 1 was discussed along with the Hoffman et al. and Zingher et al. references. The Examiner indicated certain additions which would help gaining allowance of the claims. The amendments to claims 1 and 42 reflect the Examiner's comments.

The instant application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

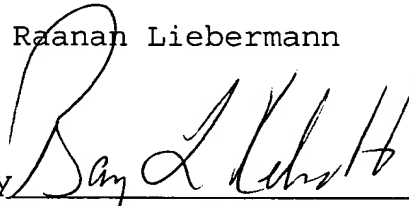
A Notice of Appeal is appended hereto in the event that the Examiner maintains the finality of the rejections of record. Also appended hereto is a request for a two month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the notice of appeal and the extension of time. Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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